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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: NUBER et al

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For: Covering Device For An Opening In The Outer
Shell Of A Motor Vehicle

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 14, 1999, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 3, delete "Description" and insert --Background Of The
Invention--;

between line 30 and 31, insert --Summary Of The Invention--.

Page 2, lines 3, 4 and 5, delete in their entireties and insert --The present

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invention provides a covering device for covering an opening in an outer panel or a
motor vehicle, comprising a mounting frame which fits securely into the opening and
a door hinged to the mounting frame. The door has a closed position, in which the